



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives have
3 learned with great sadness of the death of Mary Margaret
4 Haskins Jacobs of River Forest on Monday, October 17, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jacobs was born in LaSalle; she moved to
6 Chicago seven years later with her mother and seven brothers
7 after her father's death; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jacobs married Dr. William Francis Jacobs in
9 1941; throughout their 46 years of marriage, Dr. Jacobs
10 affectionately referred to Mary Margaret as "my bride"; the
11 couple would often retreat to the porch of the family home to
12 paint together; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jacobs, a child of the Great Depression,
14 believed education was essential; she attended Loyola
15 University and graduated with a degree in elementary education
16 from Chicago Teachers College; she considered it a personal
17 responsibility to attain an education; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jacobs was a Chicago public school teacher
19 until 1941; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jacobs was a devout Catholic; the only thing
21 more important to her than education was her faith; she named
22 three of her daughters Mary in honor of the Virgin Mary; and

23 WHEREAS, Family was sacred to Mrs. Jacobs; she raised
24 thirteen children, gently but indefatigably prodding them to
25 fulfill their potential; all thirteen of her children are
26 college graduates; and

27 WHEREAS, Each of her children was born into a culture of
28 strong faith and strong education and each felt unconditionally

1 and equally loved; and

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jacobs was very generous and sought to help
3 people in Southern dioceses and those in the Pacific Islands;
4 she seemed to effortlessly comprehend the struggles of others;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jacobs had a rare gift in her ability to put
7 others at ease with her presence; and

8 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband; and

9 WHEREAS, The passing of Mary Margaret Haskins Jacobs has
10 been deeply felt by many, especially her eight sons, Bob,
11 William, Thomas, Vincent, Edward, James, Gerard, and John; her
12 five daughters, Mary Margaret "Honey", Mary Elizabeth, Gahan,
13 Constance Christenson, and Mary Rochelle; her twenty-three
14 grandchildren; and her great-grandson; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we mourn the passing of Mary Margaret Haskins Jacobs, and we
18 extend our sincerest condolences to her family, friends, and
19 all who knew and loved her; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
22 sympathy for their loss.